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Inventors: Darin P. Smedberg
Assignee: Calix Networks, Inc.
Title: Angled Connector
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability dated April 20, 2004, which included an Examiner's Amendment.

While a record of the substance of an interview conducted on April 5, 2004 has been made in writing in the Examiner's Amendment, this paper is submitted in excess of caution, to supplement the Examiner's record.

In the telephone interview conducted on April 5, 2004, in addition to the undersigned and Examiner Hammond, also present was the inventor, Mr. Smedberg.

Claim 9 was the only claim that was discussed during this interview. The Examiner indicated that the language of Claim 9 could be revised to clarify the invention being claimed. The undersigned asked if there was any prior art that the Examiner was aware of that would require the amendment of Claim 9. The

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Examiner indicated that the Examiner was planning to conduct a search. The undersigned stated that in the absence of prior art, there was no need to narrow Claim 9.

The Examiner indicated that a relationship between the "rotating" limitation of Claim 9 and the "unplugging" limitation of Claim 9 could be more clearly recited in the claim. In response, the undersigned proposed the language listed in the Examiner's Amendment, in the middle of Page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. In making the proposal, the undersigned requested that the proposed amendment to Claim 9 be made directly by the Examiner, to avoid a further round of prosecution. The Examiner indicated that the patentability of Claim 9 was to be decided after conducting the prior art search.

In view of the absence of a prior art rejection of Claim 9 during the interview, no reasons were presented at the interview, as warranting favorable action. See 37 C.F.R. §1.133(c). Regardless, the substance of the interview is now believed to be of record.

If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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